



New Mexico FFA

Veterinarian Science

2024 Practicum List

1. Administering Ophthalmic Medication
2. Prescription Filling
3. Surgical Site preparation
4. Restraint of the cat for jugular venipuncture
5. Restraint of a rabbit
6. Placing a tail tie

Career Development Event

Clinical Procedures Practicum

ADMINISTERING OPHTHALMIC MEDICATION

Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
The student wipes any discharge from the patient's eye using a gauze sponge or cotton ball.	8	
The student opens the end of the ophthalmic medicine	6	
The student uses the index finger and thumb to pull the upper and lower lids apart to open the eye. The student's thumb pulls the lower lid down and the index finger pulls the upper lid upward. The student's other finger may rest on the head of the animal.	12	
While resting the hand holding the medication on the head of the patient, the student applies the drops or ointment gently into the eye without touching the eye, counting each drop or applying the proper amount of ointment without contamination.	12	
The student releases the eyelids.	6	
The student allows the animal to blink to move the medication throughout the eye.	6	
TOTAL POINTS	50	

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Clinical Procedures Practicum

PRESCRIPTION FILLING

Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
The student reads and verbally interprets prescription.	10	
The student selects the correct drug and concentration.	20	
The student places the pill counting tray on the pharmacy counter with the channel to the left and the open plate in front of him or her.	1	
The student pours the medication tablets or capsules onto the tray plate.	1	
The student opens the channel cover.	1	
The student uses a spatula or tongue depressor to push groups of tablets or capsules into the channel.	1	
When the student has counted the desired amount of medication, he or she closes the channel cover. The student tilts the tray to return the unused medicine into the stock bottle.	4	
The student lifts the tray to place the channel spout into the medicine vial and transfers medication.	4	
The student places the lid on the vial and sets it on the counter.	1	
The student appropriately fills out label with prescription information.	7	
TOTAL POINTS	50	

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Clinical Procedures Practicum

SURGICAL SITE PREPARATION

Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
The student applies antiseptic scrub to clipped area.	8	
The student preps the clipped area with a clean surgical sponge beginning at the incision site moving in a circular motion and works toward the edges.	8	
The student does not bring the sponge back to the incision site once it is moved away from the incision site.	8	
The student discards the sponge once it reaches the edge of the clipped area.	8	
The student wipes the clipped area with a rinse solution using a clean surgical sponge following the same pattern as when scrubbing with the antiseptic.	8	
The student repeats the scrub and rinse a minimum of three times or until the final rinse sponge was clean.	10	
TOTAL POINTS	50	

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Handling and Restraining Practicum

RESTRAINT OF THE CAT FOR JUGULAR VENIPUNCTURE

Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
The student places the cat in sternal recumbency with its chest close to the edge of the table.	6	
The student controls and lifts the head up by placing thumb and forefingers over top of head, fingers firm on zygomatic arches (below eyes).	7	
The student's other hand grasps the front legs and extends them down off the edge of the table.	7	
The student uses arm and elbow to restrain the cat's body close to the student's body.	6	
The student speaks to the patient in a calm and affectionate manner during the procedure.	4	
TOTAL POINTS	30	

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Handling and Restraining Practicum

RESTRAINT OF A RABBIT

Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
The student approaches the rabbit calmly and quietly.	4	
The student scruffs the rabbit with one hand while gently lifting the front end.	6	
The student's other hand immediately reaches under the hind limbs and holds them (not allowing the hind limbs to dangle).	7	
The student rests the rabbit's body on the arm with the hand holding the hind limbs.	6	
The scruffing hold is released, and the hand is moved to hold the rabbit's outside front leg.	7	
TOTAL POINTS	30	

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Handling and Restraining Practicum

PLACING A TAIL TIE

Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
The student lays the rope over the tail at the tip of the tail bone.	6	
The student folds all the tail hairs up over the rope.	6	
The student passes the short end of the rope behind the tail, and makes a fold or bight in it.	6	
The student passes the fold or bight over the folded tail and under the rope, which is looped around the tail.	6	
The student pulls tight.	6	
TOTAL POINTS	30	

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